

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following cross-referencing paragraph on page 1, lines 6-13 as follows:

This application is a continuation of co-pending application U.S. Ser. No. 09/770,216, filed January 29, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application U.S. Ser. No. 09/151,651, filed September 11, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,187,288, which is a division of U.S. Ser. No. 08/883,592 ~~08/863,592~~, filed June 26, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,908,610, which is in turn a division of U.S. Ser. No. 08/420,677, filed April 12, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,686,060 ~~5,696,060~~, which is in turn a division of U.S. Ser. No. 07/134,671, filed October 12, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,445,813, which in turn claims benefit of European Patent Application No. 92810837, filed November 2, 1992. Each of these disclosures is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.